another Government. If we extend the line up to our boundary in that tract and if the other Government does not take up the line further, what is the use of our extending the line?

Mr. Surangi SIDDABASAPPA.—Why not communicate with the other Government?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is not found necessary since it is ascertained that the line will not pay.

Mr. Surangi SIDDABASAPPA.—Will it be taken up if the traffic possibilities are expected to be satisfactory?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There are other lines which are considered more urgent.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—What is the object with which the Anandapuram line is made to terminate at Sagar? And what purpose will be served unless the line is continued right up to Bhatkal?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I cannot answer that now. For the present, it is not under contemplation to extend the line beyond Sagar.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Which are the other practical difficulties referred to by the Railway Secretary? Are there any secret reasons why the line cannot be extended?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There are no secrets. As stated already, the traffic possibilities are not such as to induce the Government to extend the line.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Even without preparing the estimate, how can Government say that the extension of the line will be unremunerative?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Surveys themselves will cost much and unless there is a prospect of taking up the line, what is the use of estimating?

Mr. U. L. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—What is the distance between Sagar and Bhatkal?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Sixty miles.

Mr. U. L. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—As the distance is not long, why not extend the line up to Bhatkal?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—As stated already, the jurisdiction over all the tract is not ours exclusively.

Dam across Mavinhole Halla.

Q.—36. **Mr. L. SIDDAPPA** (Channagiri Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any petitions have been received for the construction of a dam across the *Mavinhole halla* near Mavinhole village in Channagiri Taluk;

(*b*) whether any survey has been made for this project?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. L. SIDDAPPA.—When was the survey made?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Between the years 1911 and 1914.

Mr. L. SIDDAPPA.—Why has the work not been taken up yet?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Because it would affect the supply to the Sulekere Tank situated lower down, by intercepting part of its catchment.

Mr. L. SIDDAPPA.—In that case, is there any hope of constructing the *anicut* at all?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Yes. After the Lakkavalli project is undertaken, the Sulekere Tank will be fed thereby and then we can take up the Mavinhole project.

Bridge on the Salem-Bellary Road.

Q.—38. **Messrs Venkatapathi THIMMIAH** and **Patel MALLAPPA** (Chitaldrug Taluk); **T. SHADAKSHARAPPA** and **D. SIVASANKARAYYA** (Challakere Taluk); **K. KENCHAPPA** and **B. SITHARAMIAH** (Hiriyur Taluk); **Patti BASAPPA** and **Kamareddy MALLAPPA** (Molakalmuru Taluk); **Patel CHENNAPPA** and **GOWDA SIVAPPA** (Davangere Taluk); **GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Nanjappa Gowda** and **GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Rangappa** (Holalkere Taluk); **B. V. NAGESHA SETTY** and **B. MARULAPPA** (Hosadurga Taluk); **J. S. MAHALINGAPPA** and **MALKAPPA** (Jagalur Taluk); **BASAVANNA GOWDA** (Harihar Sub-Taluk); **S. RANGA RAO** (Chitaldrug Municipality); **M. GURUSIDDAPPA** (Davangere Municipality) and **MAHOMED USMAN SAHEB** (Harihar Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many years is it since the bridge on the Salem–Bellary Road at mile 162, 7th furlong, gave way and has fallen into disrepair;

(*b*) in what year;

(*c*) what are the details of expenditure incurred in the attempt to construct the bridge in the first year after disrepair;

(*d*) what are the details of annual expenditure incurred for the repairs to the *halla* from that time;

(*e*) is it through contract or Government agency that this *halla* repair work is done every year;

(*f*) has it come to the notice of Government that travellers are put to inconvenience for want of this bridge over this *halla*?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*) It is 23 years since the bridge gave way.

(*b*) In the year 1911.

(*c*) No expenditure was incurred for the construction of the bridge, but only survey work was done for the preparation of a project.

(*d*) The annual expenditure for repairs varies from Rs. 50 to 75.

(*e*) Through contractors.

(*f*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. Venkatapathi THIMMIAH.—Is the repair to the *halla* done annually or only off and on?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Once a year.

Mr. Venkatapathi THIMMIAH.—Is that considered sufficient?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Generally sufficient.

Mr. SYED USUFF SAHIB.—Will the construction of the bridge be undertaken at least next year?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—The construction of a high level causeway is under investigation, as the site is only suitable for a causeway.

Bridge across Vedavathi near Chowlur.

Q.—39. **Messrs. Venkatapathi THIMMIAH and Patel MALLAPPA** (Chitaldrug Taluk); **T. SHADAKSHARAPPA and D. SIVASANKARAYYA** (Challakere Taluk); **K. KENCHAPPA and B. SITHARAMIAH** (Hiriyur Taluk); **Patti BASAPPA and Kamareddy MALLAPPA** (Molakalmuru Taluk); **Patel CHENNAPPA and GOWDA SIVAPPA** (Davangere Taluk); **GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Nanjappa Gowda and GOWDA ESWARAPPA, son of Mr. Rangappa** (Holalkere Taluk); **B. V. NAGESHA SETTY and B. MARULAPPA** (Hosadurga Taluk); **J. S. MAHALINGAPPA and MALKAPPA** (Jagalur Taluk); **BASAVANNA GOWDA** (Harihar Sub-Taluk); **S. RANGA RAO** (Chitaldrug Municipality); **M. GURUSIDDAPPA** (Davangere Municipality) and **MAHOMED USMAN SAHEB** (Harihar Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) is it a fact that, in regard to the representation for a bridge across the Vedavathi River near Chowlur in Challakere Taluk, the Dewan was pleased to state in October 1934 that an estimate was being prepared;

(*b*) is it a fact that the Chitaldrug District Board accepted the estimate for Rs. 2,11,000 and resolved to commence the work with an expenditure of Rs. 70,000 for 1937-38 and submitted the plan and estimate for the consideration of Government?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*) It was stated that Government would consider the representation sympathetically.

(*b*) Yes. The estimate is received in the Chief Engineer's Office.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—When was the estimate received in the Chief Engineer's Office?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—About a month ago.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Has it been scrutinised?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—It is under scrutiny.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Has the concerned District Board submitted a programme in this connection?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Yes.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—What are the difficulties in the way of sanctioning the construction of the bridge in the budget year?